



Beaches fare better in federal funding

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NOV. 14 — The House Energy and Water Conference Report (HR 2419) was passed by a vote of 399-17 on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The Senate took up the report late Monday, Nov. 14, and passed it. The Corps of Engineers received \$5.4 billion in funding for 2006. A rare occurrence, Conference resulted in more Corps funding than either the House or Senate marks. The nation's beaches did well, receiving approximately \$123 million — over 50 percent more than the president requested for FY 2006 and almost 10 percent more than Congress appropriated.

It's all relative for Florida shore-protection projects, given the unprecedented \$300 million-plus targeted for statewide beach recovery by federal, state, and local governments this year. Federal FCCE (100 percent federal) and Construction General (CG) dollars made available as part of last year's emer-

gency supplemental went a very long way in satisfying project backlog. Thus, Florida's FY 2006 funding requests to Congress from local governments, and ultimately Congressional appropriations, were modest as compared to recent years.

Once again, our Congressional delegation demon-

strated its support for and commitment to Florida's beaches and coastal communities, as 16 separate projects received federal dollars (although many only received partial funding). Bottom line — Florida's beaches continue to be the beneficiaries of this most successful intergovernmental partnership. ❖

Florida Beach Nourishment Projects

Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act 2006

■ CONSTRUCTION

Brevard County	\$500,000
Broward County (reimbursement)	\$750,000
Canaveral Harbor	\$1,500,000
Dade County	\$1,350,000
Fort Pierce Beach	\$150,000
Lee County	\$750,000
Nassau County	\$2,250,000
Palm Beach County (reimbursement)	\$2,450,000
Pinellas County	\$1,500,000
St. Lucie Inlet	\$1,500,000

■ INVESTIGATIONS

Daytona Beach Shores	\$100,000
Egmont Key	\$100,000
Lido Key (Sarasota County)	\$125,000
St. Johns County	\$100,000
St. Lucie County	\$100,000
Walton County	\$200,000 (Inv)
Walton County	\$150,000 (Plan)



Beach nourishment update

■ **Completed beach and dune recovery plans:** Martin County, Fort Pierce, Brevard County South Reach, Sarasota County (Venice), St. Johns County, Duval County, Palm Beach County (Delray Beach).

■ **Beach and dune recovery plans under way:** Brevard County North Reach, Lee County (Captiva), Panama City Beaches, Pinellas County (Sand Key), Manatee County (Anna Maria), Broward County Segment Three.

■ **Beach and dune recovery plans – contract awarded:** Palm Beach County Ocean Ridge.

■ **Gulf Coast update** (not included in the above):

- Pensacola Beach – FEMA funded storm loss nourishment under way to replace Dennis and Katrina losses.
- Navarre Beach – Bid awarded. Sifting of recovered sand for dune reconstruction began Oct. 31.
- City of Destin – Bid opening Nov. 22.
- Walton County-Miramar Beach – Bid opening Nov. 22.
- Carrillon Beach and

Pinnacle Port – County pursuing FEMA fund to replace storm losses.

- Honeymoon Island – Construction planned for winter 2005 by county.

- Upham Beach local extension – Groin field construction 85 percent complete.

- Longboat Key – City project with FEMA funding.

- Lido Key – City and FEMA funding anticipated start in 2006.

- Knight Island – County and FEMA funding to begin in Jan. 2006.

- Lee County Estero Island – awaiting PCA.

- Hideaway Beach – Groin field to be completed by the end of November.

■ **Atlantic Coast update** (not included in the above):

- Jupiter Island – Construction beginning January 2006.

- Mid-Town, Town of Palm Beach – Winter 2006.

- Phipps Beach, Town of Palm Beach – November 2005.

- City of Boca Raton, Central and South portions – Construction winter 2006

- Smathers Beach, Key West – Possible FEMA funding, construction winter 2006. ❖

FSBPA's National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology soon

The hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 led to the greatest surge in beach and dune restoration in U.S. history. The Jacksonville District of the Corps of Engineers supervised 15 major beach projects involving placement of 12 million cubic yards of sand in Florida alone — as much as had been placed in the entire previous decade. Many lessons were learned.

The 2006 National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology will examine them closely. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Sarasota on Sarasota Bay Feb. 1-3. CEUs are available for engineers. The early-registration deadline is Dec. 5. Hotel reservations should be made before Jan. 8. Go to www.fsbpa.com for a conference brochure, or call (850) 906-9227

The same brochure includes information about the seventh annual CIRP Technology Transfer workshop, "Numerical Modeling of Hydrodynamics and Sediment Transport at Coastal Inlets, Navigation Channels, and on Regional Scale" Workshop registration is limited to 54 participants. ❖



Hurricane Wilma wrap-up

Broward County: The beaches performed well – it changed some elevations which accelerated the equilibration process.

Charlotte County: The Stump Pass beaches on Manasota Key lost 8-12 feet of beach in some spots and gained 3-5 feet in others. Englewood Beach on Manasota Key experience very minimal erosion.

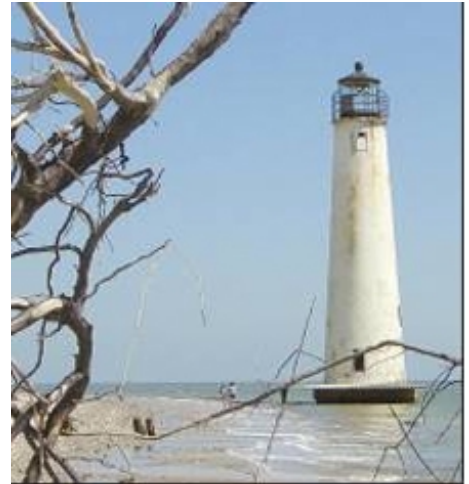
Dade County: For both Katrina and Wilma, Dade County had virtually no erosion impacts due to the fact they were on the lower half of the storm and had predominantly offshore winds. Hurricane Rita, while a weaker storm, generated easterly winds and waves resulting in minimal erosion in some areas.

Franklin County: The Cape St. George Lighthouse,

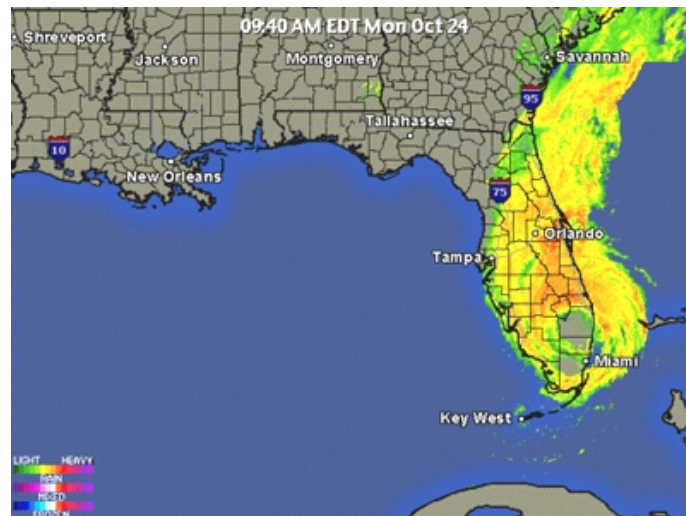
a 158-year-old landmark, tumbled into the Gulf. It was originally built 500 yards inland in 1853.

Lee County: The storm might have brought some sand to Bonita Beach and Lover's Key State Park. The heavy surf created spectacular shelling on Sanibel.

Martin County: The



Above: The Cape St. George lighthouse



beach restoration work seemed to have helped. The sand's in the wrong place, but it spared the beach.

St. Lucie County: The 3.7-mile beach on South Hutchinson Island lost about \$1 million worth of sand in Wilma.

Sarasota County: Wilma added 1-3 feet on the Sarasota County portion of Manasota Key. Venice beaches seems unscathed.

Volusia County: Wilma's storm surge may have taken a foot or more of the county's beaches. Erosion was evident at the Daytona Beach Pier. New Smyrna Beach lost about 2 feet from the shoreline. ♦

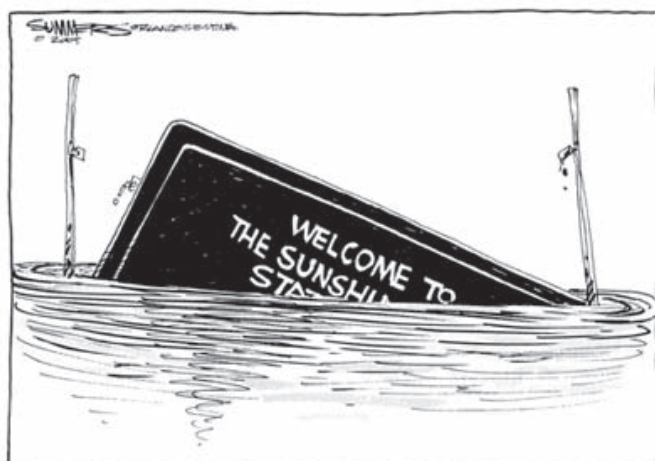
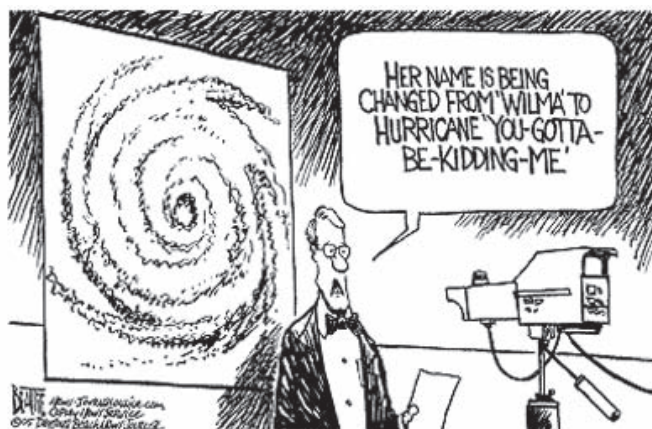
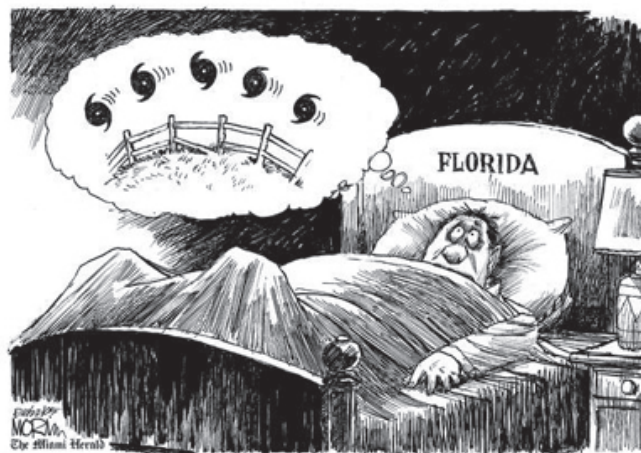


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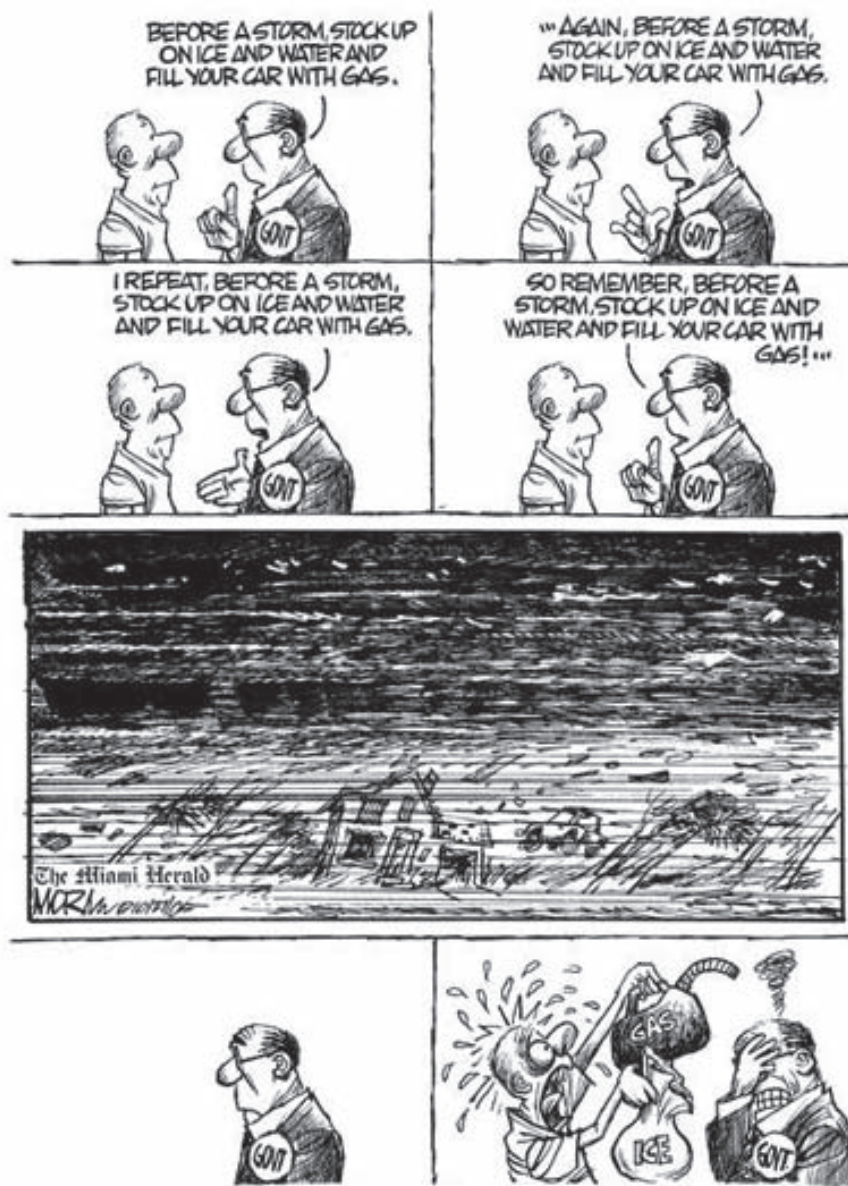
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Wilma hits a nerve with state cartoonists



CAMA's Management Plan nears final form

The Florida DEP, Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA), conducted public workshops around the state to introduce the development of CAMA's Systemwide Management Plan and the processes in which the office will create and update individual aquatic preserve management plans.

A draft Systemwide Management document is posted for review at <http://www.aquaticpreserves.org>. A comment period on the document ended Nov. 11. CAMA staff will evaluate the additional information and finalize the plan. ♦

Coastal High Hazard Study Committee meets

On Nov. 15-16, the Coastal High Hazard Study Committee met in St. Petersburg. Copies of the draft agenda are available at www.fsbpa.com.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12-13. The committee is required to present a final report of its findings and recommendations no later than Feb. 1. FSBPA's representative is immediate past chair Don Donaldson. ♦

Upcoming conferences

■ **Jan. 30- Feb. 1:** Pre-conference workshop by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "Numerical Simulation Technology: Connecting Inlets and Adjacent Beaches," Hyatt Sarasota. Go to www.fsbpa.com for information.

■ **Feb. 1-3:** National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology, Hyatt Sarasota. Go to www.fsbpa.com for more information or contact Lisa Tait or Teri Besse at (850) 906-9227 for info on exhibits.

■ **March 1-3:** ASBPA Coastal Summit, "Investing in America's Coast," Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, D.C. Go to www.asbpa.org for information.

■ **April 10-14:** National Hurricane Conference, Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando. For info, go to www.fsbpa.com. ♦